



**African
American
Music
Appreciation
Month**



(clockwise)

Janet Jackson- singer, songwriter, actress, and dancer, born in Gary, IN

The Jackson 5- R&B and pop group, founded in Gary, IN

James “Yank” Rachell- country blues musician, settled in Indianapolis and passed away there

Wes Montgomery- legendary American jazz guitarist, born and passed away in Indianapolis

Babyface- singer, songwriter, and record producer, born in Indianapolis

Ro James – R&B singer, spent his teenage years in Indianapolis

JJ Johnson- jazz trombonist and composer, born and passed away in Indianapolis

After 7 – R&B group, founded in Indianapolis

The Ink Spots- pop vocal group, founded in Indianapolis

Freddie Hubbard- jazz trumpeter, born in Indianapolis